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3 October 1951

MEMORANDUM TO THE FILE

SUBJECT: Review of ARTICHOKE Activity, 12 May through 8 October 1951

Introduction:

1. This report is prepared as a review of the ARTICHOKE Project during the association of the writer with it. It is hoped this will prove a useful summary for those who continue with it and a useful reference for the orientation of personnel joining it.

Summary:

During this period

1. An organization of the files was effected (see below).

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2. Designated [redacted] were briefed and contributed in varying degree.

3. Meetings were held of a panel of consultants (see below).

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THE FILES

Letters, reports, and memoranda have been placed in manila folders.

There are in addition two one-thousand card (3" x 5") files and one four-hundred card (3" x 5") file.

A. Letters, reports and memoranda are grouped under the following titles:

1. "Project Artichoke" - contains summaries and worksheets in addition to certain items not included in the classifications below.
2. "Budget"
3. "Bibliography" (see also Card File)
4. "Chemical Reports" (unclassified)
5. "Classified Substantive Reports"
6. "Discussions, Memoranda of"
7. "Document-Records and Receipts"
8. "Drugs - Instruction Manual for Assisting Doctor"

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9. [redacted]

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10. [redacted] Reading File"
11. [redacted] - Report"
12. "Medical Division, O/SI" (now in the custody of [redacted] A
13. "Meetings, Minutes of"

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14. [redacted] - This file contains significant papers on a wide variety of topics. They were loaned by [redacted] in a group from the I & SS files and should be kept together.
15. "Personnel"
16. "Plastic"
17. "Policy Statements"
18. "Public Press"
19. "Security Memos"
20. "Travel"

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21. [redacted]

B. The two one-thousand card files contain references to the substance of the project as follows:

Section I - People's names - Publications on green cards; personal information on buff cards.

Section II - Topics and names of drugs; white cards.

Section III - Places (red cards)

Section IV - Research (blue cards)

Section V - Questions grouped which can serve as the basis of requirements or projects. They are grouped three ways by area :

1. Soviet
2. Satellite
3. Other Foreign

and five ways by subject:

1. Psychiatric (psychological)
2. Physiological
3. Pharmacological
4. Combinations of above
5. Duress

Other topics not classified by geographic area:

1. Devices
2. Locations at which activity is not known
3. Drugs of unknown origin

C. The four-hundred card file contains security status records on all persons who have been suggested or are fully cleared.

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

In addition to the bibliographic references in the card file are unissued copies of the

H-B/3 1. [redacted]ibliography on drugs

2. CIA bibliography on narco-analysis

For copies which have been issued, there is a record in the folder entitled "Bibliography."

EVENTS RECEIVING WIDE PUBLICITY DURING PERIOD

H-B/6 1. [redacted] was released from [redacted] The file entitled [redacted]" covers material relating to question of drugs having been used.

B/6 2. Popular interest was further aroused by the appearance on television of a [redacted] who had been imprisoned and tortured. Even a comic strip hero, "Smiling Jack" was subjected to interrogation and the use of drugs were discussed.

EVENTS BEARING ON INTERNATIONAL INTEREST

F A 1. A meeting was held in [redacted] at the request of the [redacted] The report [redacted]s in the folder entitled "Meetings."

F 2. An incident took place i[redacted]n July which would indicate operational activity by the Soviet government in this field. See file entitled "Plastic."

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RESEARCH ACTIVITY

1. The projects currently existing and identified as bearing on ARTICHOKE are listed on the opposite sheet. There are doubtless many others which can be identified and catalogued as the project develops.

2. It is becoming evident, however, that the agency will be forced to take certain risks of duplicating the efforts of others if research projects are ever to be established. The reluctance of scientific personnel to initiate work without a thorough survey of the field, while understandable, would greatly postpone the commencement of any specific research projects. The basic surveys required might consume about six months (full-time), by a highly skilled professional man, once his services were obtained. The closely held nature of the projects in this field would make it doubtful that he could obtain full disclosure from scientific colleagues.

3. However, once it becomes known to certain sectors of the scientific intelligence community that CIA was supporting actual projects, new sources of information will become readily available.

4. The program for such activity must include short-term projects which promise immediate return to the operational people. These will have to be formulated largely in CIA. The broad program of fundamental research can follow certain outlines like the one proposed by [redacted] A 12 May 1951, (See file), but can be made scientifically sound and constructive by the detailed evaluation of current work and the specific project recommendations of persons with high level training in the fields of pharmacology, physiology, and psychiatry. Due to the breadth of the field in every case the person must regard the formulation of such a program as a full-time, if temporary, duty.

5. As a supplement to this there should be constant internal support by a recent graduate whose training includes some chemistry and some psychology. This person would read the current literature and keep the reference files up to date. Articles and items of particular pertinence would be set aside for evaluation by the experts on the advisory panel.

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ARTICHOKE experimentation and research. [redacted] has opened h[redacted] to the ARTICHOKE program and [redacted] prepared to set in motion, even at no cost to the Agency, a program of research and experimentation in the ARTICHOKE work.

B. [redacted] cleared consultant i[redacted] to this Agency [redacted] and consultant to numerous other Government agencies i[redacted] and has continuously shown and advocated advanced research and work in the ARTICHOKE program. [redacted] has supported the ARTICHOKE work to the extent of relinquishing his personal and private practice on many occasions to work actively in ARTICHOKE operations overseas.